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TO : Director, FBI

FROM : SAC, Minneapolis (33-35-Sub 25)

SUBJECT: HERMAN PASTER  
GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE INTELLIGENCE  
FILE (TOP HOODLUM COVERAGE)

DATE: October 27, 1953

Please refer to SAC letter number 53-58 dated August 25, 1953, paragraph B entitled "TOP HOODLUM COVERAGE, GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE INTELLIGENCE PROGRAM."

Personal History and Background

HERMAN PASTER was born September 10, 1904, at Beesarabia, Romania. He is married, wife, [redacted] and has resided at St. Paul, Minnesota, virtually all of his life. His present address is 1752 Pinehurst Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota. HERMAN PASTER has three sons, [redacted]. Minneapolis file 71-161 reflects HERMAN PASTER as a youth took employment as a dry goods salesman. In 1928, he engaged in the jobbing of jewelry. That business, however, was discontinued when he engaged in the operation of vending machine jobbing in 1934. He still is engaged in this latter operation and in addition to this business, also is virtually the sole owner of the Paster Distributing Company and the Holly Sales Company, a sales organization, as well as holding extensive real estate interests, in Minnesota, Wisconsin, and Florida. Minneapolis file 71-161 also reflects HERMAN PASTER to have operated (in 1949) the Progress Finance Company of St. Paul, Minnesota. His personal net worth is estimated to run well in excess of one-half million dollars. His income tax return for 1943 reflected an income of \$33,374.42 which was received from the Mayflower Distributing Company, 2218 University Avenue, St. Paul. His income tax return for 1948 reflected his total income to be \$43,777.75. This \$43,777.75 was partially made up as follows:

Salary: Mayflower Distributing Company, St. Paul, \$5,200.

Paster Distributing Company, St. Paul, \$15,600.

Paster Distributing Company, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, \$13,000.

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This income tax return also reflected that he received lesser amounts of income from stock and real estate investments. It also reflected that he had a rental income of \$53,846.92 from the following buildings:

2196 University Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota

2205 University Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota

2341 University Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota

249 West Sixth Street, St. Paul, Minnesota

3608 West Fond du Lac, Wisconsin

431 West 62nd Street, Florida

After deducting expenses from this \$53,846.92, however, he was left with a reported \$1,095.30, net income on real estate operations.

HERMAN PASTER's income tax return for 1950 as reflected in Minneapolis file 71-161 listed his occupation as Sales Manager for the Paster Distributing Company, and reflected his income for 1950 to be \$101,305.92, (net).

The following identification record of HERMAN PASTER was obtained from the Bureau under date of October 9, 1953:

Contributor of Fingerprints	Name and Number	Arrested or Received	Charge	Disposition
PD, Milwaukee, Wis.	HERMAN PASTER, #25541	11/13/33	Confidence game, fug.	Held for PD Chicago, dismissed 12/5/33
PD, Chicago, Ill.	HENRY PASTORO #C-54108	12/4/33	Gen. Principles	
PD, Minneapolis, Minn.	HERMAN PASTER \ #26928-E	7/12/35	Grand larceny	8/23/35 dismissed

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Contributor of Fingerprints	Name and Number	Arrested or Received	Charge	Disposition
Civil Aeronautics Admin., Wash., D.C.	HERMAN PASTER #	Applicant fingerprinted 8/31/42		
Alcohol Tax Unit, St. Paul, Minn.	HERMAN PASTER #7953-M	Inquiry 11/15/43		
U.S. Marshal, St. Paul, Minn.	HERMAN PASTER #6055	3/3/44	Conspiracy Title 18, Section 88 Internal Revenue Liquor Laws	3/3/44 re-leased on \$2000 bond, 7/16/44 6 months and \$5000 fine first count; \$5000 fine second count
Fed. Correctional Institution, Sandstone, Minn	HERMAN PASTER #2198	6/15/44	Vio OPA regulations sale distilled spirits above ceiling price	6 months 11/14/44 discharged minimum expiration
U.S. Marshal St. Paul, Minn.	HERMAN PASTER #8046	9/19/52	transporting gambling machines interstate	9/19/52 re-leased \$10,000 bond, 1/5/53 1 yr 1 day custody Atty Gen on charge Interstate transportation of Gambling Devices; Conspiracy

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Contributor of Fingerprints	Name and Number	Arrested or Received	Charge	Disposition
*			#C-68139, PD, Chicago, Ill., larceny-fugitive; 7/11/35 turned over to Sheriff's Office, Minneapolis, Minn.	
Bureau Field Division, Minneapolis, Minn.	HERMAN PASTER #71-161	9/19/52	Interstate Trans. Gam-bling Devices	Turned over to U.S. Marshal, St. Paul, Minn., 9/19/52; 1/5/53, 1 yr. 1 day custody of Atty. Gen.

Description:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Height	5'8"
Weight	170 pounds
Hair	Black
Eyes	Blue
Complexion	Medium
Build	Medium
Scars and Marks	3" scar back of hand over left thumb; 1" light scar inside wrist, left arm; 1/4" scar lower left cheek; 3" scar base of thumb to wrist, left arm; 2" scar on left thumb
Birthdate	9/10/04
Birthplace	Beesarabia, Rumania
Residences	In 1952, 1752 Pinehurst, St. Paul, Minn.; in 1944, 2127 Juliet Ave., St. Paul, Minn.; in 1935, 321 E. Winnifred, St., St. Paul, Minn.
Names of Associates	[redacted] (as on prt #71-161)

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A photograph of HERMAN PASTER is attached to this memorandum.

Criminal Activities

Minneapolis file 71-298 reflects HERMAN PASTER, ALLEN ISADORE NILVA, and ELMO THEODORE CHRISTIANSON, Attorney General for the state of North Dakota, were indicted by Federal Grand Jury, Fargo, North Dakota, on October 7, 1952, for violation of Title 18, Section 371, United States Code, Ammended. Subject's trial commenced at Bismarck, North Dakota, March 18, 1953, and continued through April 8, 1953. The jury was unable to agree on a verdict concerning CHRISTIANSON and PASTER. NILVA was acquitted. The jury was dismissed on April 8, 1953, and the United States Attorney for North Dakota stated he is of the opinion the case should be re-tried. The court made no comment in regard to the latter trial. The United States Attorney, District of North Dakota, advised this Bureau by letter dated May 11, 1953, the Attorney General's Office instructed that latter case be re-tried. On August 5, 1953, the defense motion for acquittal was denied in United States District Court, Fargo, North Dakota. The Bureau is presently holding further investigation in this case in obeyance, pending a request for specific investigation by the United States Attorney, North Dakota, after he has had time for additional study of the case and trial.

On September 19, 1952, a federal grand jury meeting at St. Paul, Minnesota, returned an indictment in two counts against defendants HERMAN PASTER, [REDACTED], and [REDACTED]. Count one recited that [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] and the Mayflower Distributing Company, did, on or about March 2, 1951, in violation of Title 15, Section 1172, United States Code, by means of a motor truck, transported approximately thirty-eight slot machines to Minneapolis, and St. Paul, Minnesota, from Davenport, Iowa, and Rock Island, Island. Count two recites that between January 15, 1951 and

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March 5, 1951, in St. Paul, Minnesota, and also in Iowa, Illinois, and Wisconsin, [redacted] and PASTER conspired together to transport thirty-eight slot machines from Davenport, Iowa, and Rock Island, Illinois, to St. Paul, and Minneapolis, Minnesota, by means of a motor truck in violation of Title 15, Section 1172, United States Code. This count is supported by the allegation of five overt acts. Act one relates to telephone calls from HERMAN PASTER, President, Mayflower Distributing Company, made at various times to [redacted], an employee of the company, from St. Paul, Minnesota, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and Chicago, Illinois, to LeClaire, and Davenport, Iowa, during February and March, 1951, instructing him to ascertain the whereabouts of slot machines which could be purchased by PASTER and said company in Iowa and the Rock Island, Illinois, area. Act two relates to PASTER having rented or having caused to be rented by the Mayflower Distributing Company, a truck at St. Paul, Minnesota, with which to transport said slot machines from Iowa, and the Rock Island, Illinois, area to St. Paul, and Minneapolis, Minnesota, which truck was used. The third count recited that [redacted], did, on or about March 1, or 2, 1951, go to Davenport, and Rock Island, and purchase thirty-eight slot machines and assisted in loading same on above truck and did transport the slot machines in said truck to St. Paul and Minneapolis, Minnesota. The fourth overt act recited that on the last above dates, [redacted] drove the truck to Davenport, Iowa, and Rock Island, Illinois, and then picked up and assisted in loading on the truck the said slot machines in the company of [redacted], and returned with same to Minneapolis, and St. Paul, Minnesota. The fifth overt act alleged that HERMAN PASTER caused the Mayflower Distributing Company, on or about March 2, 1951, to issue its check in the amount of \$2,100, which was deposited in the personal checking account of [redacted], and against which [redacted] wrote his personal check for \$2,000 to obtain cash with which he purchased thirty-eight slot machines in and around Davenport, and which were then transported as set forth.

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In connection with the latter indictment, subjects PASTER, [redacted], and [redacted] were found guilty by jury on November 29, 1952, and on January 5, 1953, PASTER was sentenced to serve one year and one day in custody of the Attorney General. PASTER was released on bond as his case was appealed

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to the United States Circuit Court of Appeals, Eighth Circuit, St. Louis, Missouri. On April 28, 1953, a hearing on the defendant's motion for a new trial was held and the motion denied. The files of the Minneapolis Office reflect PASTER's appeal is still pending. Minneapolis file 71-132 reflects that [redacted] Milwaukee, Wisconsin, who does not wish his identity divulged, advised in 1949 that HERMAN PASTER and SAM TARRAN were active in printing lottery tickets in St. Paul or Minneapolis, Minnesota, and were disseminating these tickets throughout the states of Iowa, Wisconsin, and Minnesota. Pay-offs of this lottery allegedly were based on Minneapolis, Minnesota, weather reports. This lottery was known as "Packard Weather" in Wisconsin, but carried no name in Iowa and Minnesota. This file also reflected that the "Minneapolis Star," Minneapolis, Minnesota, printed an article on June 22, 1951, reflecting that SAM TARRAN was convicted in 1944 of using the Mayflower Novelty Company (exact address unknown), St. Paul, Minnesota, a coin machine concern, as headquarters for a liquor black market and was released from Sandstone, Minnesota Federal Prison in September, 1946, after serving an eighteen months sentence. The "St. Paul Pioneer Press" on June 22, 1951, printed an article which reflected that upon TARRAN's release from prison, he organized the Tarran Distributing Company of Miami, Florida. TARRAN was fifty-four years old in 1951.

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Associates

[redacted]  
the Brastrup Trading Post, East Grand Forks,  
Minnesota.

[redacted]  
[redacted], Davenport, Iowa.

[redacted] Mayflower  
Distributing Company, St. Paul, Minnesota,  
home address LeClaire, Iowa.

ELMO THEODORE CHRISTIANSON, Attorney General  
for North Dakota.

[redacted] Milwaukee Branch,  
Paster Distributing Company, 2606 West Fond du  
Lac Avenue, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

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[redacted]  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

[redacted], F.B.I. Number [redacted]  
[redacted], St. Paul, Minnesota.

[redacted], Address unknown.

[redacted] Mayflower Distributing Company, St. Paul, Minnesota.

[redacted] (ph), home address, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania (possibly owner of general novelty or general vending machine company.)

[redacted]  
[redacted], Minneapolis, Minnesota.

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ALLEN ISADORE NILVA, Mayflower Distributing Company, St. Paul, Minnesota.

[redacted]  
[redacted], Minneapolis, Minnesota,  
F.B.I. Number [redacted].

[redacted] St.  
Paul, Minnesota. [redacted] income tax return for 1943 reflected that he was employed as a [redacted] for the Mayflower Distributing Company, St. Paul, Minnesota, at that time, and earned \$41,800.75 from this company in 1943.

[redacted] Mint, a bar in Rugby,  
North Dakota.

SAM TARRAN, was., TERRIN, TERAN, F.B.I. Number 196876. Minneapolis file 71-132 reflects TARRAN operated the Tarran Distributing Company, 2820 Northwest Seventh Avenue, Miami, Florida, in 1949.

VERNON W. THOMSON; Attorney General for the state of Wisconsin.



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Minneapolis file 77-2156 reflects [redacted]  
[redacted], East Grand Forks, Minnesota, was interviewed on June 29, 1951, in connection with another investigation at which time he stated he was in HERMAN PASTER's private office in St. Paul, Minnesota, in 1951, when PASTER opened a large leather case and began showing [redacted] and ELMO CHRISTIANSON letters he received from various "big-shots" throughout the United States. [redacted] observed among the letters there was a very friendly letter to HERMAN PASTER from the Attorney General of the state of Wisconsin at Madison, Wisconsin. PASTER, in their presence, telephonically contacted this individual at Madison, Wisconsin, and appeared to have a friendly conversation with him. PASTER also exhibited numerous photographs of Attorney Generals of other states and [redacted] specifically recalled the state of Iowa and Arkansas. He said PASTER also exhibited an autographed picture of the then Vice President of the United States, ALBIN BARKLEY. [redacted] further advised that PASTER had at one time contributed several thousand dollars to VERNON WALLACE THOMSON's campaign fund, prior to his election as Attorney General for the state of Wisconsin. The reason he put this money into THOMSON's campaign fund was that he had "worked with THOMSON before." PASTER also, according to [redacted], took THOMSON to Chicago, where they stayed in a suite of rooms in the Sherman Hotel, maintained by the Bally Corporation.

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It is noted that in regard to criminal activity in the state of Wisconsin, [redacted]  
[redacted], South St. Paul, Minnesota, [redacted] of the Hook-em-Cow Bar, 150 North Concord Street, South St. Paul, Minnesota, advised in March, 1953, according to Minneapolis file 77-2156, that [redacted] F.B.I. Number [redacted], and [redacted] alias [redacted] of Brady's Bar, Minneapolis, Minnesota, purchased the Hudson Hotel, Hudson, Wisconsin, about 1948. This purchase allegedly was made in order to have gambling or race wire service activities in the basement of the Hudson Hotel as "the word was out" that Wisconsin was going to open up state-wide gambling.

[redacted]  
[redacted] Minneapolis, Minnesota, confidential informant of this Bureau, advised that

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something went wrong in Wisconsin that short-circuited this plan and [ ] never operated a casino at the Hudson Hotel.

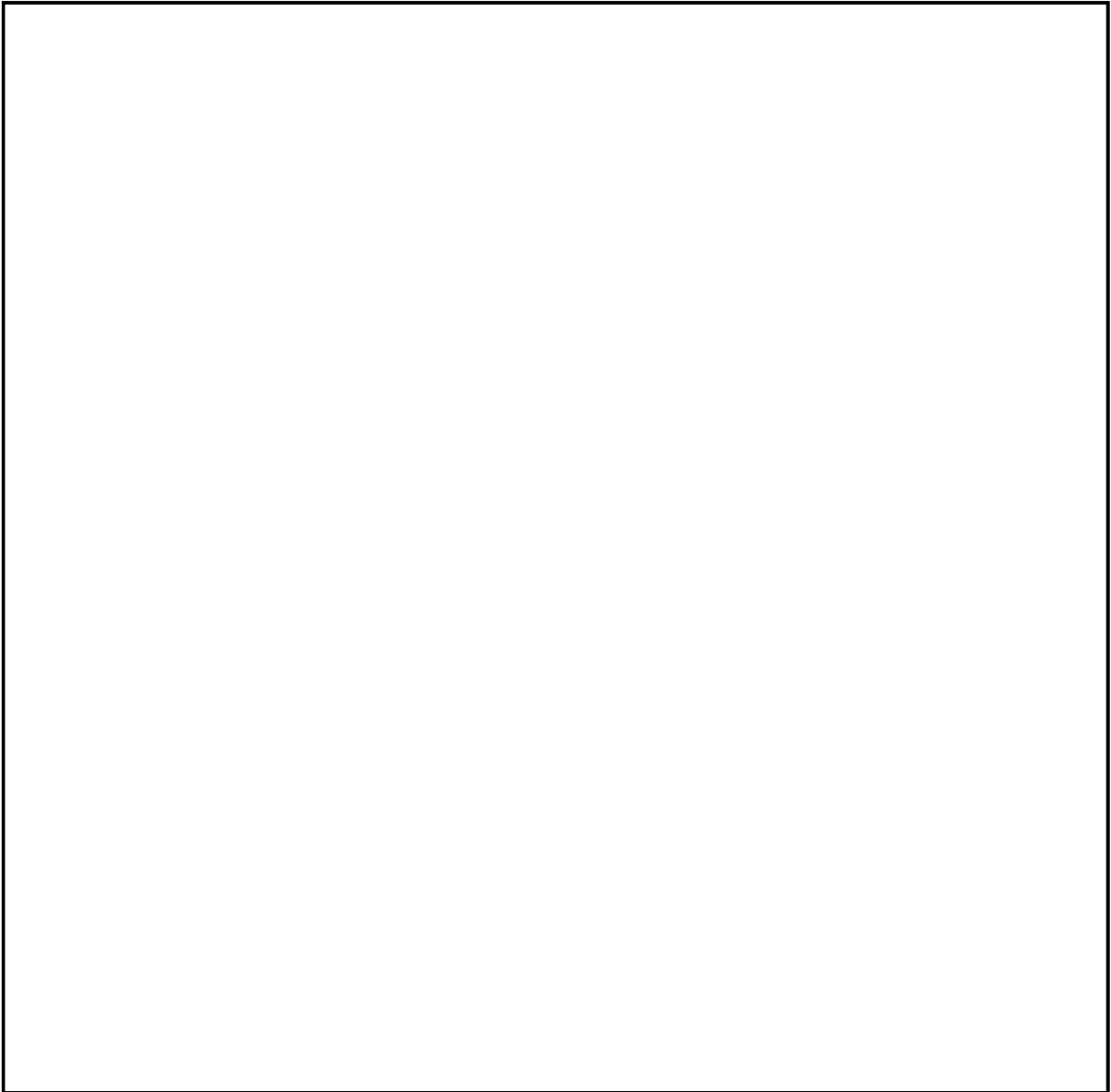
On January 10, 1950, [ ]  
[ ] Des Moines, Iowa, advised that he received information to the effect that Sheriff HOWARD REPPERT, SR., Polk County, Des Moines, Iowa, while attending a Minnesota-Iowa football game, presented to HERMAN PASTER an honorary Deputy Sheriff's badge. This badge carried HERMAN PASTER's name and was made of gold plate.

Legitimate and Illegitimate Business

During the period the offenses were committed by the defendants, from January through March, 1951, as set out in Minneapolis file 77-161, HERMAN PASTER was the principal owner of the Mayflower Distributing Company and the Paster Distributing Company, 2218 University Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota. Both of these companies engaged in the business of purchasing, distributing, selling, and serving coin operating amusement machines. During the same period, [ ] was employed by PASTER as [ ], and [ ] was employed by him as a shipping clerk. [ ] LeClaire, Iowa, was employed by PASTER as [ ] in Iowa for the Paster Distributing Company from December, 1949, to April, 1951. During the latter part of January, 1951, and particularly during February, 1951, PASTER made several long distance telephone calls to [ ] and allegedly wrote him a letter in February, 1951, instructing [ ] to give preferred attention to the lining up of any available slot machines which could be procured at sacrifice prices in [ ] Iowa territory. Following preliminary arrangements made by [ ], [ ], on March 1, and 2, 1951, purchased twenty-eight slot machines owned by the American Legion in Davenport, Iowa, and also purchased ten slot machines stored at Eddy's New Yorker, a nightclub in Rock Island, Illinois, and which were owned by [ ] of Davenport, Iowa. A total of \$1,730 was paid in cash for the machines. Following the purchase of the thirty-eight slot machines, [ ] and [ ], on March 2, 1951, transported these machines from Davenport, Iowa, and Rock Island, Illinois, to St. Paul, Minnesota, where they were unloaded at the Mayflower Distributing Company in St. Paul, Minnesota.

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Minneapolis file 71-161 reflects that an article appeared in the "St. Paul Pioneer Press," St. Paul, Minnesota, on October 24, 1951, which reflected that the University of Minnesota sold a building located at Sixth Street and Hennepin Avenue, Minneapolis, Minnesota, (Eustis Building) for \$176,100 to Paster Enterprises, 2218 University Avenue, St. Paul,

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Minnesota. This same article reflected that Paster Enterprises operates considerable real estate in the St. Paul area including the large new shopping center at Lexington and Larpentour Streets.

On April 27, 1949, F. L. PIERCE, Inspector in Charge, United States Post Office, St. Paul, Minnesota, advised that HERMAN PASTER, in 1949, operated the Mayflower Novelty Company, 2218 University Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota.

It is noted that a newspaper article in the "St. Paul Dispatch" on October 6, 1949, reflects that Mrs. DIANA TARRAN, of Miami, Florida, and formerly of St. Paul, Minnesota, instituted a suit for \$125,000 against HERMAN PASTER as the result of injuries Mrs. TARRAN suffered in a traffic accident in PASTER's car. The "St. Paul Dispatch" carried an article on May 18, 1951, as set out in Minneapolis file 71-161, to the effect that Paster Enterprises was undertaking a \$6,000,000 housing project at Los Vegas, Nevada. This article reflected that HERMAN PASTER was head of Paster Enterprises. Minneapolis file 71-161 also reflects that HERMAN PASTER allegedly is the owner of Holly Sales Company, 2218 University Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota, which company is a selling organization dealing in coin machines. This file also reflects that HERMAN PASTER has been alleged to own Dairy Way, Incorporated, which corporation sells ice cream cones through various stands. The file also reflected that HERMAN PASTER owns the stock of the Progress Finance Company, St. Paul, Minnesota.

Minneapolis file 94-102 reflects [redacted] operator of relatively a small route of coin operated gambling devices in 1950, advised Detective [redacted], Minneapolis police Department, in 1950, that ALLEN NILVA, who is a Minneapolis attorney, is a brother-in-law of HERMAN PASTER. He alleged NILVA has a financial interest in the Mayflower Distributing Company and is generally known as PASTER's right-hand man. [redacted] described one [redacted] as an "up and coming young man in the coin operating machine business" and said he was the number one competitor of HERMAN PASTER in the St. Paul-Minneapolis and rural Minnesota area.

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#### Hangouts and Places of Amusement Frequented

Review of the various Minneapolis files containing

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information concerning HERMAN PASTER reflects that he frequents the following hotels:

Sherman Hotel, Chicago, Illinois

Patterson Prince, Grand Pacific Hotels,  
Bismarck, North Dakota

Nicollet, Dyckman, Radisson Hotels, Minne-  
apolis, Minnesota

Gardner Graver, Metropole, and Powers  
Hotels, Fargo, North Dakota

RE HERMAN PASTER

ENCLOSURES One photo of subject PASTER

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FROM Minneapolis

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: March 22, 1954

FROM : SAC, MINNEAPOLIS (33-35 Sub. 25)

SUBJECT: HERMAN PASTER, wa.,  
Henry Pastoro  
GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE  
INTELLIGENCE FILE  
(TOP HOODLUM COVERAGE)

ReMplet to Bureau dated 10/27/53.

The following is a supplementary memorandum:Criminal Activities

On December 8, 1953, [REDACTED], an informant of the Milwaukee Office, whose identity is known to the Bureau, stated that it has been learned as a result of contact with HERMAN PASTER that PASTER is, at the present time, obtaining a new line of pinball machines and related games and that he apparently intends to continue operations on a large scale in the State of Minnesota. This informant further advised that it had been learned that PASTER was consulting a doctor as a result of a heart ailment, which PASTER claims to have.

In connection with HERMAN PASTER's sentence in United States District Court, St. Paul, Minnesota, on January 5, 1953, to one year and one day for violation of Title 15, Section 1172, United States Code, Minneapolis file 71-161 reflects this conviction has been appealed to the Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals at St. Louis, Missouri, and this appeal still is in a pending status although the Court of Appeals has taken the case under advisement.

In connection with HERMAN PASTER's trial at Fargo, North Dakota (along with ELMO THEODORE CHRISTIANSON, Attorney General for the State of North Dakota), for violation of Title 18, Section 371, United States Code, as amended, this trial has been scheduled for March 22, 1954. However, PASTER's defense attorney has made a motion to delay his conspiracy trial at Fargo, North Dakota. It is uncertain

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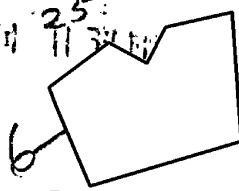
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whether the delay, if granted to PASTER, will also apply to CHRISTIANSON. This defense motion was filed by PASTER's counsel, WILLIAM P. MURPHY, as he allegedly intends to test the constitutionality of the Johnson Act, the law in question, in arguments on March 15, 1954, before the Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals in St. Louis, Missouri, where PASTER's appeal is pending. MURPHY contended that since the decision at St. Louis, Missouri, may be delayed, PASTER would be put to a great deal of unnecessary expense unless the North Dakota trial is delayed.

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SUBJECT: HERMAN PASTER, wa.,  
Henry Pastoro  
GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE  
INTELLIGENCE FILE  
(TOP HOODLUM COVERAGE)

DATE: September 28, 1954

Remylet to the Bureau dated March 22, 1954.

The following is a supplementary memorandum.

CRIMINAL ACTIVITIES

On March 12, 1954, [redacted], a PCI of the Minneapolis Office, who is rated excellent, advised that he is acting as [redacted]

Minnesota. [redacted] is paying [redacted] \$100 per month for his services. [redacted] was contacted by HERMAN PASTER on March 1, 1954, and subsequently introduced to [redacted] in the office of HERMAN PASTER at his Mayflower Distributing Company, St. Paul, Minnesota.

PASTER has recently told [redacted] that "this is only the beginning. As soon as we have disposed of this court business, (his appeal from a federal court conviction) we are ready for bigger things. You will grow with us as we grow. In the beginning we may eat cake and you may have a candy bar, but your value will grow as we grow, but first we must dispose of this thing, (court action). If the good Lord permits us to continue we will be ready, otherwise we will have to wait."

PASTER indicated to [redacted] he intends to buy the property adjacent to the property he now owns at Sixth and Hennepin, Minneapolis, Minnesota, and build a parking ramp through the Butler Construction Company in St. Paul, Minnesota. He also indicated he intends to build a complete village just outside of Minneapolis, Minnesota, on Highway 8. He also indicated he is going into the hotel business and other allied enterprises.

On September 8, 1954, [redacted] a PCI of the Minneapolis Office, advised that he recently obtained employment with the Mayflower Distributing Company where he works under

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[redacted] is receiving a base salary of \$100 per week for a 40 hour week. [redacted] told [redacted] that PASTER has indicated that if the federal government puts him away, he is going to sign over much of his equipment to [redacted]. [redacted] said the Mayflower Company is presently very busy and PASTER told him, [redacted], that he would be going out in the field more and more to work on PASTER's machines.

In connection with HERMAN PASTER's trial at Fargo, North Dakota (along with ELMO THEODORE CHRISTIANSON, Attorney General for the State of North Dakota), for violation of Title 18, Section 371, U.S. Code, as amended, this trial took place on April 27, 1954, at which time ELMO CHRISTIANSON was sentenced to serve one year and one day in custody of the Attorney General. HERMAN PASTER was sentenced to serve a term of two years in custody of the Attorney General and ordered to pay a \$10,000 fine.

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The United States Attorney, GEORGE E. MAC KINNON, St. Paul, Minnesota, advised on April 19, 1954, that the United States Circuit Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit at St. Louis, Missouri, filed a decision upholding the conviction of subjects [redacted], HERMAN PASTER, and [redacted] and ordered that the sentences given in United States District Court on January 5, 1953, at St. Paul, Minnesota, be carried out. Mr. MAC KINNON advised that he contemplated no further action in this matter.

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Records, Clerk of United States District Court, Fargo, North Dakota, reflect notices of appeal of subjects' sentences to the Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals, St. Louis, Missouri, were filed by HERMAN PASTER on May 4, 1954, and by ELMO CHRISTIANSON and ALLEN NILVA on May 5, 1954. The Honorable CHARLES VOGEL, Federal Judge, Fargo, North Dakota, on May 25, 1954, extended stay of sentence for ALLEN NILVA until June 7, 1954, on which date he reexamined NILVA's sentence as previously imposed by him on April 27, 1954. PASTER, CHRISTIANSON, and NILVA remain at liberty under bond pending results of appeal. On June 7, 1954, Judge VOGEL refused to change NILVA's sentence.

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 GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE  
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DATE: March 30, 1955

Re Minneapolis letter to Bureau dated September 28, 1954.

The following is a supplementary memorandum:

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Criminal Activities

The criminal docket of the U.S. Attorney's Office, St. Paul, Minnesota, was examined on October 20, 1954, and it was ascertained that on June 18, 1954, the subject's attorney filed a petition for Writ of Certiorari in the Supreme Court of U.S.

On November 22, 1954, U.S. Attorney GEORGE E. MAC KINNON advised SAA [ ] that on October 14, 1954, the Supreme Court denied the subject's petition for certiorari. He said that on November 22, 1954, at a hearing before Federal Judge DENNIS F. DONOVAN in U.S. District Court, St. Paul, Minnesota, the subject's attorney argued for a reduction of sentence for the subject and also [ ] and [ ]. He said Judge DONOVAN then ordered a reduction of the sentence of [ ] from one year and one day prison sentence to five years probation. Judge DONOVAN ordered the sentences of HERMAN PASTER (one year and one day) and ALBERT GARDNER (six months) to remain as originally sentenced and order that these two men report to the U.S. Marshal at St. Paul on January 3, 1955, for execution of sentence and PASTER and [ ] complied. It is noted the Mayflower Distributing Company, which was indicted in connection with the same offense (violation Title 15, Section 1172, U.S. Code) was fined \$5000 on January 5, 1953.

The sentences of one year and one day received by ELMO CHRISTIANSON and two years and \$10,000 fine received by HERMAN PASTER in U.S. District Court, Fargo, North Dakota, on April 27, 1954, for violation of Title 18, Section 371, U.S. Code, as amended, are still awaiting review of the Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals, St. Louis, Missouri. The sentence of one year and one day, imposed on ALLEN ISADORE NILVA (Minnesota attorney and Vice-President of the Mayflower Distributing Company) April 27, 1954, for contempt of court, is also under appeal. It is expected the Eighth Circuit Court will hear the above appeals in the May, 1955, term of court. It is noted ALLEN NILVA's contempt of court violation aroused as a result of PASTER's and CHRISTIANSON's retrial, in which NILVA failed to produce complete records of the Mayflower Distributing Company as subpoenaed of him.

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To: Director, FBI

Re: HERMAN PASTER

March 30, 1955

[redacted] PCI, of unknown reliability, (Minneapolis file [redacted]), advised on January 13, 1955, PASTER recently made him [redacted] at the Mayflower Distributing Company with the [redacted]. Informant [redacted] is presently in charge of [redacted].

[redacted] stated PASTER made plans for a new building to house his offices and equipment before he left for prison. Everything is generally very quiet at the Mayflower Company at present, however, the building of two large St. Paul, Minnesota, shopping centers, planned by PASTER before his incarceration, is going ahead. [redacted] stated there is some talk in the company that PASTER is going to get out of the coin-machine field upon his release from prison, but such a departure from past and present activity is actually very doubtful.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

FROM : SAC, Minneapolis (33-35-S25)

SUBJECT: HERMAN PASTER, was.  
GIIF  
(TOP HOODLUM COVERAGE)

DATE: September

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Reference Minneapolis letter to Bureau dated September 28, 1954.

CRIMINAL ACTIVITIES

On September 15, 1955, [REDACTED], Deputy Clerk of Court, Federal Courts Building, St. Paul, Minnesota, verified the criminal docket entries in his office and advised that HERMAN PASTER is presently serving a sentence of one year and one-day on his conviction of violation of interstate transportation of gambling devices statute and is presently serving his sentence in the United States Penitentiary at Terre Haute, Indiana.

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Mr. Nichols	_____
Mr. Belmont	_____
Mr. Harbo	_____
Mr. Mohr	_____
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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI  
 FROM : SAC, MINNEAPOLIS (33-35-S25)  
 SUBJECT: HERMAN PASTER, Was.  
 GIIF  
 (Top Hoodlum Coverage)

DATE: March 29, 1956

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Re Minneapolis let to Director dated 9/22/55.

CRIMINAL ACTIVITIES

On March 13, 1956, [redacted] United States Probation Officer, Federal Courts Building, St. Paul, Minnesota, advised that according to his file, HERMAN PASTER was released from the U.S. Penitentiary at Terre Haute, Indiana, upon expiration of his sentence on October 22, 1955, and presently resides at 1752 Pinehurst Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota. [redacted] advised that HERMAN PASTER has a case pending in Federal Court which is presently under appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court wherein PASTER was sentenced at Fargo, North Dakota, in 1953 to two years upon his conviction of Interstate Transportation of Gambling Devices statute - conspiracy.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

FROM : SAC, Minneapolis (33-35-S25)

SUBJECT: HERMAN PASTER, was.  
GIIF  
(Top Hoodlum Coverage)

DATE: July 13, 1956

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Re our letter dated March 29, 1956.

The identification record for PASTER, FBI #732 906, reflects that on June 5, 1956, he was arrested by the US Marshal, St. Paul, Minnesota, for shipping gambling machines interstate. The record reflects he reported to begin sentence at Leavenworth, Kansas.

This same identification record reflects that on June 6, 1956, HERMAN PASTER was received at the US Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, #73443-L, to serve two years for interstate transportation of gambling devices.

Inasmuch as PASTER is now incarcerated, he is being removed as being the subject of a top hoodlum file. - C -

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Date: 11/1/60

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Mr. Tolson	_____
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Mr. Belmont	_____
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Mr. DeLoach	_____
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Miss Gandy	_____

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI  
 FROM : SAC, MINNEAPOLIS (92-165)  
 SUBJECT: HERMAN R. PASTER  
 INFORMATION CONCERNING MURDER

*Herman Paster*

HERMAN R. PASTER, 1752 Pinehurst Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota, operator of the Mayflower Distributing Company, the Paster Enterprises and the Paster Distributing Company, all at 2227 University Avenue, St. Paul, was murdered 10/27/60 at about 7:30 p.m., when he was shot through a window of his home by an unknown assailant, apparently using a .38 caliber gun. PASTER had just returned by airplane from Milwaukee, where he has a branch office, with his business associate, lawyer and brother-in-law, ALLEN NILVA.

PASTER has been the subject of a previous investigation in the Minneapolis Office involving Interstate Transportation of Gambling Devices; Conspiracy, oo - Omaha, in the case captioned, [redacted] Bureau File 71-3129. PASTER was sentenced to serve a year and a day in the custody of the Attorney General on 1/5/53. He has a criminal record dating back from 1933 on such matters as confidence games, grand larceny, conspiracy to violate internal revenue liquor laws and violation OPA.

A homemade bomb was found 10/16/59 in the mailbox of Paster Enterprises Building, St. Paul, Minnesota. The fuse on this bomb had been ignited but failed to burn through the bomb. At this time, PASTER was negotiating with [redacted]

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[redacted], an attorney, Toronto, Canada. This introduction was arranged by [redacted], Rochester, New York. This negotiation was for the sale of seven shopping centers in St. Paul, Minnesota, reportedly belonging to PASTER, and the amount of the sale was estimated at \$3,850,000.00. These men were alleged to be angry because the sale was not consummated. Investigation by the St. Paul Police Department failed to reflect any connection between these men and the makeshift bomb.

[redacted] advised SA [redacted] on 10/28/60 and 11/1/60 that PASTER has been increasing his business and activities in the automatic game and jukebox business recently through both his main office in St. Paul, Minnesota and his branch office in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and during the business trip from which he returned to St. Paul shortly before he was murdered, he visited Chicago. At about 3:30 p.m. of the day he was murdered he called the informant from Chicago, issuing instructions that the installation of a new bowling machine in an establishment at 45th and Central Avenues, Minneapolis, Minnesota, be completed that day, in that he was bringing [redacted] of the United Automatic Game Machine Company of Chicago, and another United official with him to St. Paul in order that he might show them this installation. The informant was surprised when PASTER arrived in St. Paul shortly before his murder with only ALLEN NILVA.

Informant also stated that recently he had learned through an employee of PASTER's firm that PASTER has been dealing in some manner with the A and A Amusement Company of Chicago, and there had been some trouble because of his infringement on the territories of other jukebox and automatic game operators. Informant is attempting to get further details concerning this matter.

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# Justice Department 71-161 Probes Paster Case

The justice department in Washington is looking into Friday night's ambush slaying of 58-year-old Herman Paster, St. Paul liquor and gambling czar.

St. Paul police, meanwhile, are stymied in the quest for the identity of Paster's assassin.

William G. Hundley, head of the organized crime and rackets section of the justice department, conferred on the case with George MacKinnon, former federal district attorney for Minnesota, the Minneapolis Star learned today.

MacKinnon is a special assistant United States attorney general.

Hundley ordered an immediate probe to determine what nationwide connections Paster had that could have led to his slaying.

Fallon Kelly, who succeeded MacKinnon as district attorney in Minnesota, said his office will be interested in the murder if it can be shown Paster's slayer fled the state to avoid prosecution.

The federal criminal brochure on Paster is a lengthy one.

His income tax difficulties with the internal revenue service date back to 1944.

After the federal anti-gambling statute (the Johnson act) was passed by congress in January 1951, Paster and two associates became the first men prosecuted under the new law.

Paster was convicted of conspiracy to transport slot machines from Iowa to Minnesota, was found guilty and served a two-year term in Leavenworth prison.

In 1954 Paster and Elmo T. Christianson, then attorney general for North Dakota, were convicted of conspiring to take slot machines into North Dakota and Paster served another prison term.

MacKinnon recalled today that shortly after Paster's second release from prison in 1957, he came to MacKinnon's office in the St. Paul federal court's building.

"Paster came in voluntarily and asked to see me," MacKinnon recalled.

"He said that he had done a lot of thinking in prison, that he had learned his lesson, that crime didn't pay and that he was going to go straight. That's the last I saw of him."

Meanwhile, acting on information from a source police refused to identify, Police Chief William Proetz sent a letter to the police chief at Rochester, N. Y., Saturday, asking him to check the background of a resident there.

Proetz wanted the man questioned as to his background, his whereabouts at the time of the murder and whether he had any connections.

MINNEAPOLIS STAR  
MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA  
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Informant also advised that recently, after a background music system was installed in the South of the Border nightclub, which is operated by [redacted] in Minneapolis, Minnesota, PASTER made the remark, "I wish I had never become mixed up with those guys" (meaning [redacted] and his associates, according to the informant). It should be noted that [redacted] has been the subject of a top hoodlum investigation in Minneapolis.

Informants in the Minneapolis Division are being contacted in this matter, and the Bureau will be furnished any pertinent information.

This is also to keep the Bureau advised of developments in view of an article appearing in the "Minneapolis Star" on 10/31/60, reflecting, "The justice department in Washington is looking into Friday night's ambush slaying of 58-year-old HERMAN PASTER, St. Paul liquor and gambling czar." A copy of this article is attached.

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tions, with professional gunmen.

Paster was shot and killed in his home at 1752 Pinehurst Av., about 7:45 p.m. Friday. His face was shattered by two shots fired through the back window of his den.

A talk with the Rochester man Proetz wanted investigated identifies him as a reputable real estate operator with large holdings.

His only connection with Paster was a little more than a year ago when Paster offered to sell seven supermarkets he owned in the Twin Cities area, Donald H. Jeffery told the Minneapolis Star.

Jeffery said he and his associates were looking for—and still are looking for—sites for some retail outlets in the Twin Cities when Paster made his offer.

They subsequently signed an option for the purchase of the centers, Jeffery said.

Paster later apparently made other arrangements and did not go through with the sale.

Suit was started last spring against Paster for breach of contract and is due to come up for trial this fall or winter.

Jeffery said he and his associates didn't want to go through with the trial. They tried to effect a settlement for about \$25,000 for expenditures investigating the deal.

"With Paster dead we don't know where we stand," Jeffery added.

Jeffery told the Minneapolis Star he and his associates are "very disturbed" that Proetz should seem to connect them with the murder.

St. Paul police, meanwhile, said two .38 caliber slugs were taken from Paster's body. A third .38 slug was found in the room.

Officers said no comparison could be made with the .38 caliber bullets which killed Jake Resnick in a similar, unsolved gang style slaying a month ago at Theodore Wirth park in Minneapolis. Those slugs were too fragmented for comparison, they said.

Authorities believe it is possible Paster's murder is tied in with a recent raid in Philadelphia where federal authorities confiscated a warehouse full of pinball machines readied for shipment to England.

Paster was thought perhaps to have been "muscling" in on the eastern underworld, seeking an outlet for the large numbers of gambling machines he allegedly owned.

According to this theory, the eastern "syndicate" believed Paster tipped off the federal authorities on the warehouse to clear the way for shipment of his own gambling devices abroad.

Paster, this story suggests, had made contact in New Orleans, La., to ship his own machines to England.

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MANAGING EDITOR PAUL SWENSSON  
MINNEAPOLIS FIELD DIVISION

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

*Memorandum*TO : Mr. Rosen *JS*

DATE: November 3, 1960

FROM : SUBJECT: HERMAN R. PASTER  
INFORMATION CONCERNING - MURDER

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Airtel from Minneapolis dated 11/1/60 sets forth information concerning Paster being murdered 10/27/60 at St. Paul, Minnesota and the fact that he had been previously convicted of Interstate Transportation of Gambling Devices, a case in which Omaha was office of origin. Airtel also transmitted a newspaper clipping from the "Minneapolis Star" dated 10/31/60 stating "Justice Department Probes Paster Case" and quotes comments of William G. Hundley, head of the Organized Crime and Racketeering Section, and indicates the Justice Department is looking into the ambush slaying of Paster. *8-1*

While talking with Hundley on another matter today, I mentioned this newspaper release to him, and he advised that it had just been given to him. He stated there is no truth whatsoever in the comment that the Justice Department is looking into the matter. He advised that Justice Department attorney George MacKinnon is in Minneapolis on another matter entirely unrelated to the Paster case, and that while discussing other matters on the telephone, MacKinnon asked Hundley whether he was interested in the Paster case. Hundley advised that in view of the fact Paster had previously been involved in a gambling matter, he told MacKinnon he was certainly interested in the matter, but did not know of any Federal jurisdiction at this time. *JS*

Hundley stated emphatically that the Justice Department is taking no action in the Paster case at this time.

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ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA  
INFORMATION CONCERNING

The following is set forth for your information:

[ ] contacted the Bureau at 10:30 a.m., November 9, 1961, and upon interview advised as follows: [ ] stated that he is the son of the late Herman Paster, a former coin machine operator and real estate man at St. Paul, who was murdered October 28, 1960. [ ] claimed the St. Paul Police Department has been unsuccessful in solving his father's murder. He wanted to know if the FBI could enter the case. He was informed of the Bureau's jurisdiction and the fact that this matter could not be investigated by the Bureau. [ ] advised that his father had served time in Leavenworth Prison for violation of the Johnson Act. He claims not to know much about his father's business; however, since his father's death he has learned that Herman Paster had some difficulty with an individual named [ ] in Minneapolis. He stated, also, that [ ] and his father had some disagreement as to division of territory. [ ] claimed that in 1959, his father was part of an agreement involving the sale of seven shopping centers; however, he backed out of the deal and then later agreed to proceed with the sale on at least two occasions. After his father's death, this matter was resolved through settlements by his father's estate involving \$15,000 or \$20,000 payments to a [ ] and [ ] and a [ ] from Rochester, New York. These persons represented the La Monde Investment Company of Toronto, Canada. [ ] informed that his father also had difficulties with one [ ] of Miami Beach, details unknown. [ ] advised that his father's business is currently being operated by his uncle, Allen Nilva.

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Bufiles reveal Herman Paster was a subject of Bureau

Tolson \_\_\_\_\_ investigation involving Interstate Transportation of Gambling  
Belmont \_\_\_\_\_ Devices; conspiracy. Herman Paster received a sentence for ITGD, 1953.  
Mohr \_\_\_\_\_ He had a criminal record dating from 1933 involving such matters  
Callahan \_\_\_\_\_ as confidence games, grand larceny, conspiracy to violate Internal  
Conrad \_\_\_\_\_ Revenue, liquor laws and violation of OPA regulations. Bufiles  
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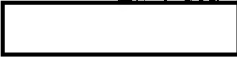
disclose investigation by the St. Paul Police Department failed to reveal any connection between the men who were attempting to negotiate the sale of seven shopping centers with Paster and the discovery of a makeshift bomb found in Paster's business mailbox in October, 1959, a year prior to his death. At the time of Herman Paster's death, the "Minneapolis Star" described Paster as a "St. Paul liquor and gambling Czar." Codefendants of Paster in the ITGD case were Elmo Theodore Christianson and Allen Isadore Nilva. Their conviction, which was upheld by the 8th Circuit Court of Appeals, resulted in the sentencing of Christianson to one year and a day; Herman Paster to two years and \$10,000 fine; and Allen Nilva to one year and one day for contempt of court.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

## Memorandum



TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: 11-9-61

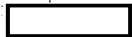








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At 10:30 a. m., today,  visited the Director's Office and was referred to Special Agent  of the Crime Research Section for interview.

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 advised that he is the son of the late Herman Paster who was a coin machine and real estate operator in St. Paul and was murdered on October 28, 1960 by an unknown assailant while he was sitting in his den in the above residence.  who appears to be about 19 or 20 years of age, said that the St. Paul Police Department had been unsuccessful in solving his father's murder and wanted to know if the FBI could enter the case. He was informed concerning the Bureau's jurisdiction and told that this matter could not be investigated by the Bureau. By way of background,  said that his father had served time in Leavenworth Prison for violation of the Johnson Act (Interstate Transportation of Gambling Devices). He said that he knew very little about his father's business, but that since his death he has learned that he had had some difficulty with an individual named  in Minneapolis, concerning a division of territory for placement of juke boxes. Both his father and  violated the agreement and there had been some unpleasantness about it. He also informed that in 1959 his father was part of an agreement involving the sale of seven shopping centers but that his father backed out of it and later agreed to proceed with the sale on at least two occasions. After his father's death the matter was resolved through settlements by his father's estate involving the payment of \$15,000 or \$20,000 to a  and  and a  from Rochester, New York. These individuals represent the La Monde Investment Company of Toronto, Canada. He also informed that an individual named  of Miami Beach had a relationship with his father in which trouble developed between them. He could not recall any other difficulty which his father had had. His father's business has been able to survive to date and it is presently being operated by his uncle, Allen Nilva.

Bufiles reflect that  father, Herman Paster, was the subject of Bureau investigation involving the Interstate Transportation of Gambling Devices;

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[redacted] to DeLoach Memo

RE: [redacted]

Conspiracy. Paster received a sentence in 1953 for the Interstate Transportation of Gambling Devices. Paster had a criminal record dating from 1933 on such matters as confidence games, grand larceny, conspiracy to violate internal revenue liquor laws and violation of OPA regulations. Bufiles also reflect that investigation by the St. Paul Police Department failed to reflect any connection between the men who were attempting to negotiate the sale of the seven shopping centers with Paster and the discovery of a makeshift bomb which was found in Paster's business mailbox in October 1959, a year prior to his death. At the time of Paster's death the "Minneapolis Star" described Paster as a "St. Paul liquor and gambling Czar."

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Bufiles also reflect that at the time of his conviction for the Interstate Transportation of Gambling Devices in March, 1954, codefendants were Elmo Theodore Christianson and Allen Isadore Nilva. Their conviction in March, 1954, was upheld by the 8th Circuit Court of Appeals. Christianson was sentenced to one year and a day; Herman Paster was sentenced to two years and fined \$10,000 and Allen Nilva was sentenced to one year and one day for contempt of court.

RECOMMENDATION:

For information.

